

REMARKS

Applicants' attorney wishes to thank Examiner Cheryl Hawkins for the series of telephone informal interviews held during the week of May 23, 2005. Claims 9, 14-16, and 21 were rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph. Claims 9, 14, and 21 are canceled. Claims 15 and 16 have been amended to overcome the formalities rejection. It is believed that these changes now make the claims clear and definite and, if there are any problems with these changes, Applicants' attorney would appreciate a telephone call.

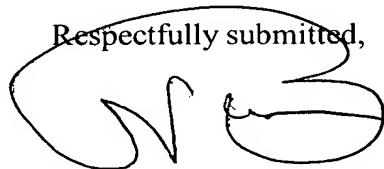
Claims 1-24 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kerr (US 6,508,527) in view of various secondary references.

The rejection is respectfully traversed on the grounds that the Kerr '527 patent issued to Roger S. Kerr of Brockport, NY, who is one of the co-inventors of the present application. The Kerr '527 patent was granted on January 21, 2003 on an application filed May 23, 2001. The present application is a Divisional of United States Patent Application Ser. No. 09/911,744, filed July 24, 2001.

Accordingly, the Kerr '527 patent does not present a statutory bar to the present application. Nor is it the work of "another" as required under 35 USC § 102. It is believed that Examiner Hawkins agreed with this position during the afore mentioned telephone conversations.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that this application is in condition for allowance, the notice of which is respectfully requested.

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